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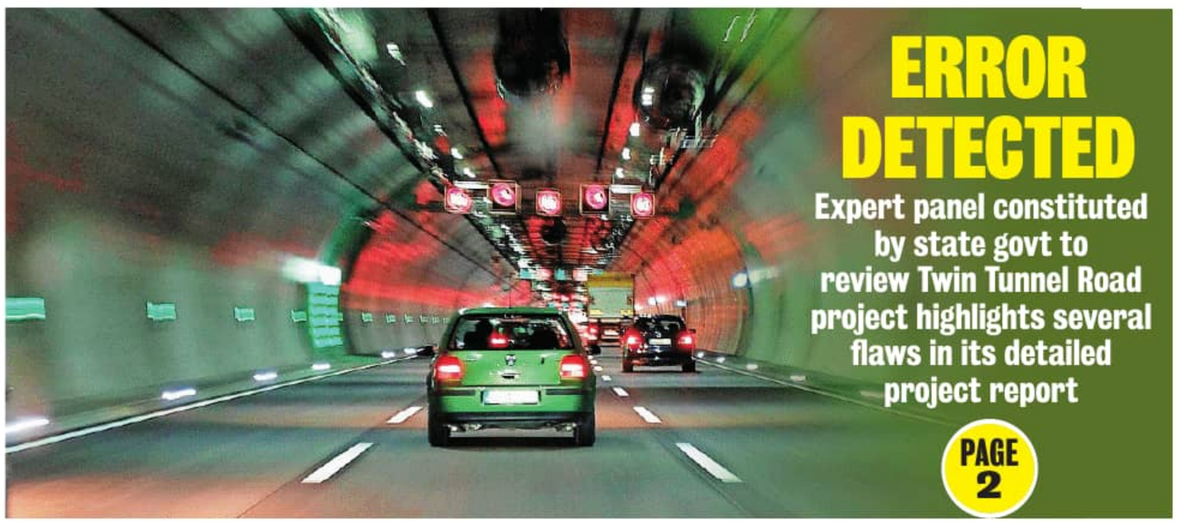

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It has been 1 week since contractor who is carrying out renovation work at Freedom Park demolished old restrooms at the venue and nobody bothered to make alternative arrangements for hundreds of visitors at city's only protest space

PROTEST SITE OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND

Shoddy drinking water facility; power also was out due to work-related damage

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File photo of a farmers' protest in Freedom Park in August this year

Freedom Park is the only venue in the city where people can gather to voice their protest against any injustice. Even as hundreds of people visit this site on a daily basis, gathering from all parts of the city and even the state, the state of this venue of protest is deplorable. The way developmental works at Freedom Park are moving along, it seems the Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) authorities put no forethought into it.

The BCCC authorities engaged a contractor to take up developmental works at the Freedom Park at an estimated cost of Rs 5 crore, but while work is going on, they failed to make any alternative arrangements for the hundreds who gather here.

And what is more, the contractor demolished the existing restrooms

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"We are not against the development of Freedom Park. But the authorities have not made alternative arrangements such as creating awareness on the ongoing developmental works or installing mobile toilets —Gandasi Sadandaswamy, Save Freedom Park Agitation Committee president

When skies are grey

Study shows Bengaluru is witnessing steady annual decline of –4.71 hours per year in sunshine duration

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Step outside in Bengaluru today and chances are, you'll see filtered light through clouds rather than the sharp, golden sunshine the city was once known for. It isn't just your imagination — Bengaluru is actually getting dimmer.

According to a recent study published in Nature (2024) titled "Spatiotemporal Trends in Sunshine Hours over India during three decades from 1988 to 2018,"conducted by researchers Arti Choudhary, Bharat Ji Mehrotra, Atul K Srivastava, Pradeep Kumar, VK Soni, and Manoj K Srivastava shows that the city records one of the lowest sunshine durations in urban India.

Among the 20 stations studied, Bengaluru stands in the bottom five for total sunshine hours, averaging 169 ± 55 hours per month — roughly 20–25% less sunlight than cities like Hyderabad (218 h/month), Nagpur (225 h/month), and Ahmedabad (245 h/month). Even Mumbai (189 h/month) and Chennai (212 h/month) enjoy considerably brighter skies.

In percentage terms, Bengaluru receives about 86% of the national mean sunshine hours (≈ 196 h/month), placing it well

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THINGS TO DO

01 Curtain call

The Auroville Theatre Group is presenting 'Call me Devika', a play about Devika Rani, who co-founded Bombay Talkies, one of India's earliest film studios. The play is the first in a longer series exploring the inner lives and legacies of forgotten women who shaped history in invisible ways.
Where: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield;
When: October 31, 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm

02 Tune in

Adnan Sami will be taking the stage for an unforgettable performance, set to take the audience on a melodious journey.
Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield;
When: November 9, 7 pm

03 Retail therapy

'Salaam Souk', hosted this year with the theme of 'Habibi, welcome to Dubai', inspired by the glamour, opulence and vibrancy of the Middle East, presents an exclusive shopping experience.
Where: Jayamahal Palace;
When: November 8, 1 pm

04 Sparkling ideas

Orion Malls are holding a DIY Diwali workshop for children and families. Design your own creations with terracotta diya painting, candles and candle holders, wall hangings, stunning lotus wall decor and many more Diwali themed DIY creations.
Where: Orion Avenue Mall, Cooke Town & Orion Uptown Mall Whitefield-Hoskote;
When: Oct 18, 19

05 Crafted heritage

Rajasthan Grameen Mela organised by artisans from across the country is holding an exhibition-cum-sale featuring a vast range of cotton, silk, handloom, handicraft products and jewellery from all over India.
Where: Sri Hari Kalyana Mandapa, Banashankari;
When: Until October 26, 10 am to 9 pm

Expert panel flags lapses in Twin Tunnel Road project plan

Plan lacks study to locate groundwater or aquifers along proposed alignment and uses only four soil samples for investigation report, says govt appointed committee

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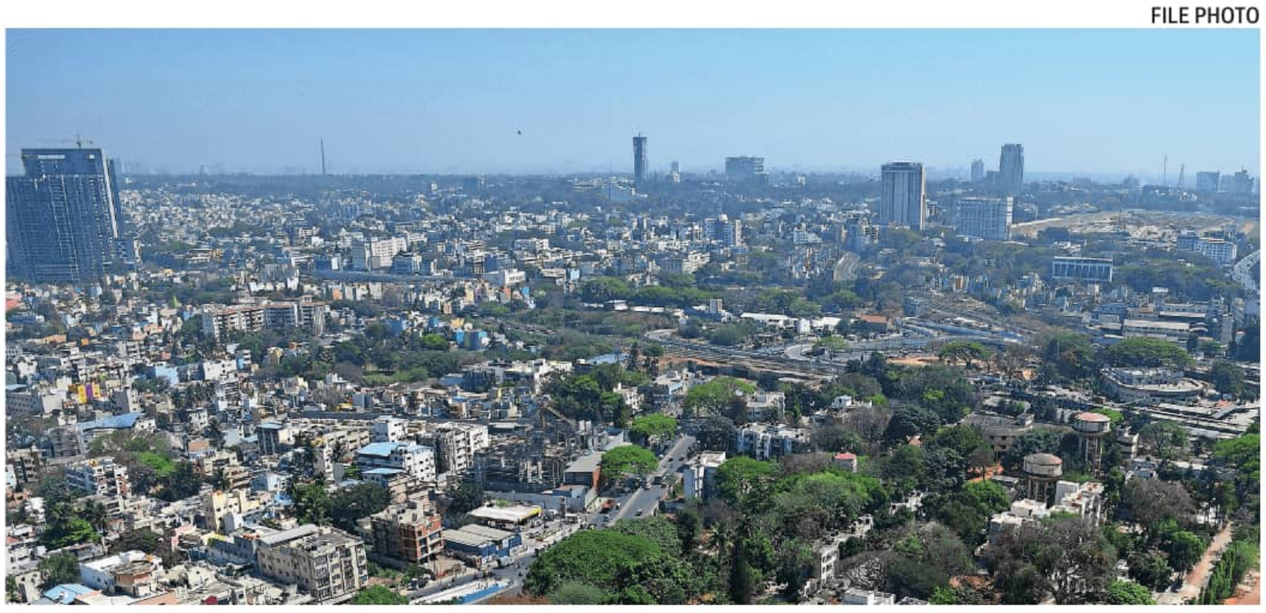

Expert committee recommends detailed geotechnical investigation to avoid unexpected geological conditions that could affect project schedule and lead to cost overrun

In a major setback to Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar's ambitious Twin Tunnel Road project, the expert committee constituted by the state government to review the proposal has highlighted several flaws in its detailed project report (DPR).

The committee has highlighted serious lapses, including the lack of a study to locate groundwater or aquifers along the proposed alignment and use of only four soil samples to prepare the ground investigation report.

This apart, the tunnel road DPR has also left out at least 9 important 'required elements' such as tree enumeration and relocation plan, environmental impact assessment and mitigation plan, social impact assessment report, disaster management and security plan, to mention a few.

The report submitted recently to the Urban Development Department also noted that one of the shafts of the project is proposed to be located within Lal Bagh Botanical Garden, an environmentally sensitive area, and thus needs reexamination.

Land acquisition plan, utility mapping and relocation plan, pavement design for all sections, except one, and hydraulic design calculations for nala diversion and storm water drainage are some other important elements missing from the DPR.

The committee was constituted in April to carry out detailed review of DPR documents of the proposed project to examine whether all essential components and elements are covered in the document, whether any unrealistic elements are included, to check if any of the most required elements are left out, to examine whether the document includes all required maps, design and drawings and to provide recommendations.

Committee members carried out a site visit on April 19 to make an assessment of alignment, availability of land, site constraints, traffic issues at entry and exit ramps, shaft locations and various other aspects such as storm water drainage, structures, trees and utilities likely to be affected, etc.

In its report, the committee has now recommended a detailed geotechnical investigation to avoid unexpected geological conditions that could affect the project schedule and lead to cost overrun.

"Given the presence of extremely hard and highly abrasive rock formations in Bengaluru, it is imperative to carefully select and design the type of tunnel boring machine to prevent significant breakdowns during the tunnel drives, which are projected to span almost 4km," the report submitted by the Committee has noted, adding that this necessitates an analysis of the effects of vibrations generated by tunneling and their impact on structures within the influence zone.

Members have also highlighted that the project scheduling is based on an average monthly progress of 150 metres. However, the actual monthly average progress achieved in metro tunneling is approximately 100 metres. This discrepancy exists despite the excavation diameter of the metro tunnel (6.65 metres) being significantly smaller than the proposed road tunnel diameter (15.2 metres).

The report has also faulted the DPR for misrepresenting the cost involved in the project. There is no detailed cost estimation for land acquisition, utility shifting, instrumentation, building condition survey, electric buses, toll collection system, etc. Moreover cost of operation and maintenance for 25 years is not included, along with some other activities involving cost.

Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust and a city-based environmentalist, said that there are many flaws in the DPR which have compelled the government-appointed committee to raise red flags. "However, it is unfortunate that a tender has been issued before completing thorough investigations on various aspects, as highlighted by the committee in its report. Considering the report, along with the earlier report by DULT and the cost involved, the tunnel road project should be dropped at the earliest," said Devare.

Mental health helpline witnesses fourfold rise in queries

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The number of people seeking help for mental health issues through India's Tele-MANAS helpline has seen a dramatic fourfold increase in the past three years — a reflection of both rising stress levels and growing awareness about mental wellness. The Tele-MANAS initiative, managed by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), offers free and confidential tele-counselling services across India. Launched in October 2022, the helpline has received over 1.59 lakh calls so far, currently averaging more than 300 calls a day.

Mental health help on the rise

Many Indians continue to shy away from acknowledging mental illness as a genuine health concern. While social stigma still exists, Tele-MANAS has emerged as a safe space where individuals can freely share their struggles and receive professional counselling and treatment recommendations. According to official data, the helpline received 22,546 calls in 2022-23, 52,226 in 2023-24, and 85,173 calls between April and October 6, 2024-25.

A significant majority of callers — about 68 per cent — are in the 18–45 age group, underlining the growing mental health concerns among young adults. The age-wise data further reveals that 17.1 per cent of callers fall in the 48–64 age bracket, 6.5 per cent are teenagers aged between 13 and 17, 3.4 per cent are children below 12 years, and 5 per cent are senior citizens above 65 years. In terms of gender, 50.66 per cent of the callers are men, while women account for 46.41 per cent, indicating that people across age and gender are increasingly seeking help through the helpline. Stress, sleep issues, and trauma dominate calls, according to the data.

Rise in callers shows increased awareness about mental health

An official said, "The most common reasons for seeking help include stress, anxiety, trauma, relationship problems, exam fears, and sleep disorders." The official said that while some cases are resolved through one-on-one counselling sessions, individuals exhibiting signs of deeper psychological distress are referred for specialised mental health treatment.

About Tele-MANAS

24/7 support: Mental health assistance is available round the clock.

Free and confidential: No charges; privacy is strictly maintained.

Helpline number: Call 14416 anytime for support.

Mobile app access: Services can also be availed via the Tele-MANAS mobile application.

Multilingual availability: Counselling is offered in 20 Indian languages, including Kannada and English.

Comprehensive services: Instant counselling, mental health information, and resource guidance.

EASY GUIDE TO BUYING ECO-FRIENDLY APPLIANCES

Eco-friendly appliances are beneficial to not just the environment, but you as well. While they conserve resources like energy and water, thereby lowering your bills, green appliances are also safe and healthy.

You've probably considered going eco-friendly when looking to buy a new fridge or AC, but several other appliances are manufactured for green living. Read on to know about them and what to keep in mind when purchasing green appliances.

List Of Eco-Friendly Appliances

Go through this list so that you don't miss out on looking for a greener option whenever you intend to buy any of these appliances!

- Refrigerator and freezer
- Dishwasher
- Washing machine and dryer
- Stovetop
- Microwave oven
- Coffee machine
- Shower
- Television
- Air conditioner
- Electric blanket
- Iron

Tips To Buy Eco-Friendly Appliances

Most appliances come with star ratings to depict energy efficiency. The higher the number of stars, the more energy-efficient is the appliance. Note that the higher the energy efficiency of the appliance, the costlier it will be. So while you aim to buy green, you'll also have to consider your budget. Push your limit as much as you can, because by purchasing the greenest appliance, you'll end up saving money in the long run.

Most importantly, consider your needs and potential usage:

- Think of a dishwasher–if you're going to buy one that has a larger capacity than the dishes you usually use daily, it won't benefit the green cause you wish to champion. The reason behind this is that dishwashers are energy efficient when you have a full load, thus saving energy and water. The same goes for a washing machine.
- Plasma and LCD televisions consume enormous amounts of energy. To save energy and money, buy the smallest screen size you can do with.
- Induction cooktops are more energy-efficient than gas or electric ovens.
- LED bulbs are the most eco-friendly. Lose overhead lighting and opt for focused mood lighting to save energy. **—Femina**

Great additions to your kitchen if you are living alone

Coffee or chai maker

Nothing should separate you from your fresh morning brew! Get a single serve coffee or chai maker and brew yourself a cuppa joy within minutes. No more messy boil-overs or long wait for your fave beverage, and no more waste too. Just pour, click, serve.

Induction cooktops

Single top induction cooktops are compact, eay-to-handle, and affordable. If you share an apartment with roommates or live alone, this easy cookware can simplify basic cooking for you like none other. Also with electricity-enabled devices you can time and control cooking duration, as well as save your dish from overcooking or burning with the temperature tracking feature.

Multi-cooker

Why spend time cooking a single dish when you can cook as many as seven. Bring home a multi-dish mini cooker and whip up a meal fit for a queen without spending any unnecessary time in the kitchen. Just decide, set, click and cook.

Food hugger

A silicon food hugger is such a saviour for those who live alone. Now, no more adding extra portions of ingredients and strictly no waste! Chop your fruit or veggie, use how much you need and cover it up with this simple solution.

Mini griddle

Want to fry an egg or bake a single cookie, but worried about doing big, dirty dishes later? This adorable mini griddle lets you cook small portions quickly. All thanks to its non-stick coating, you do not have to go scratch cleaning, once you're done.

Bread box

If you're one of those who keep on forgetting the bread packet in the back of your refrigerator, we see you. Get this collapsible bread box for your pantry and keep your loaf fresh for longer time.

Opener

If a tight-lid can jar comes between you and your Nutella, we urge you to get yourself a multi-use opener and let your wrists have the long, healthy life they deserve.

Grocery bag handles

A trip to grocery store alone can be quite something, especially if you're all by yourself. Carrying loaded grocery bags back home is such a task, and y'all agree, right! Get your hands on these grocery bag handles to do the heavy lifting for you without trekking back and forth from your car to home. **—Femina**

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SPOTLIGHT

Protect tiny ears from middle ear infection

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Who is at risk? Children under 5 years are most vulnerable to this common condition and its complications

Causes: The most common bacterial causes are Streptococcus pneumoniae and Haemophilus influenzae. Viruses that cause colds can also trigger ear infections.

Symptoms: Children may experience ear pain, fever, irritability, crying, ear discharge.

Diagnosis: Doctors diagnose ear infections by asking about symptoms and examining the ears.

Treatment: Pain and fever can be managed with medicines, while bacterial infections may need antibiotics following medical guidelines.

Prevention: Simple steps such as breastfeeding, washing hands before handling babies, and timely vaccination help lower the risk.

Vaccines: Two types of pneumococcal vaccines exist: PCVs (Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines) and PPSVs (Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccines). Only PCVs are effective for children under 2 years. In India, PCV10, PCV13, and PCV14 are available, each offering protection against an increasing range of bacterial strains. Parents should consult doctors for the right vaccine choice as per national guidelines.

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Sacred relics find a new home in Indiranagar drive

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Over 1.5 tonnes of sacred relics were collected from more than 100 households during a Sacred Relics Collection Drive organised by I Change Indiranagar (ICIN) in collaboration with the Greater Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Division. Guided by the Sri Aarasha Samskriti Trust, the drive ensured dignified and eco-friendly disposal of religious artefacts.

Collected sacred relics loaded into a tempo

Solid waste teams also cleared abandoned idols and photo frames near temples and under trees across Wards 79, 88, 58, and 80. The event began with a Ganesha Pooja by Balaji Bhatter from Sundara Anjaneya Temple and concluded with an Udhvasana Pooja, bidding farewell to the deities before the items were sent to Hasiru Dala Innovations for recycling.

Sneha Nandihal, Co-founder of ICIN, said, "We did not expect such a response. We hope to do this every year and encourage other associations to organise similar drives."

DECORA's Asha Muthanna added, "Many residents handed over broken idols and old photo frames. People want this drive once every three months. Seeing the community participate was heartening."

Sumi Prabhakar of DECORA said, "This drive gives inner peace. Collecting 1,000 kg of relics and ensuring proper disposal is satisfying. The BBMP staff were very helpful, and the timing between Dussehra and Deepavali was perfect. We plan to make it an annual event."

Ravikumar JK, Assistant GM, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited, noted that similar drives citywide could free Bengaluru of old idols and photo frames.

Zero-waste workshop dishes out scrumptious meal from kitchen

Experts revive traditional recipes, showing residents how to minimise food waste, reuse kitchen scraps, and embrace sustainable, eco-friendly living practices

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Peels, pods, and stems take centre stage in zero-waste cooking

Organised by Beautiful Bharat during World Food Week at a creativity-focused venue, the workshop highlighted food upcycling, safe pesticide practices, and creative uses for peels, pods, and stems

Sustainability experts are reviving traditional zero-waste cooking practices by transforming everyday kitchen scraps into nutritious dishes. Through workshops that reintroduce age-old methods—such as dosas from watermelon rinds, orange juice from orange peels, and vinegar from pineapple skins—they aim to inspire residents to reduce household waste, cut grocery costs, and adopt eco-friendly lifestyles.

An event this weekend saw 32 citizens enjoying delicious items made from kitchen scraps that are usually discarded. Organised by Beautiful Bharat, the event coincided with the week of World Food Day on October 16, and was held at Bangalore Creative Circus, renowned for its sustainability focus and vibrant ambience.

"This unique event was titled 'Kitchen Secrets'. These are secrets we need to rediscover from our grandmothers' recipes and share widely, to start a food-scraps revolution that reduces waste in every kitchen," said Odette Katrak of Beautiful Bharat. "I learned during COVID that white watermelon rind, which everyone throws away, is actually edible and rich in nutrients. Just grind it with a cup of soaked rice for instant, healthy dosa batter! Now I make dosas, jams, pickles, sabjis and more from it, along with many other such discoveries."

The campaign 'Treasures from Trash 2.0', a food-upcycling initiative launched two years ago on World Food Day, has gathered 27 exciting recipes from across the country, which were demonstrated and tasted at the event.

Peels, pods, pulp and stems—which often end up as mixed waste in landfills generating methane—were instead showcased as stars in an alternative afterlife in jams, chutneys, pickles, dips, dosas, powders and more.

Participants tried to guess the ingredients from the line-up before them. This was followed by a discussion on why reducing food waste is such a powerful climate action, and demonstrations and tastings. The biggest hits were watermelon rind dosa and pickle, orange peel juice and date seed coffee—all served on reusable plates or in glasses to avoid disposables.

An important point emphasised was ways to neutralise pesticides, especially when peels are used. Soaking in salt water or dilute vinegar is a simple and essential tip, demonstrated using pea pods. Participants then learned how to remove the waxy inner layer of pea pods to make them tender and suitable for a delicious sabji.

Manisha of BCC said that cooking with food scraps is a direct way of taking ownership that sustainable living starts at home. "This workshop helped us reimagine waste. Every peel and stem has a story, and we're just learning how to listen!"

Kala Charlu, who attended, said: "Kitchen Secrets opened my eyes to the age-old traditions followed by my grandmother. She would turn peels and seeds into pickles, chutney, soups or snacks! It is wonderful for us to also use these 'scraps' and turn them into delicious dishes. My contribution was 'edible spoons' made from leftover rotis, which everyone enjoyed dipping into the various dips and chutneys, providing a sustainable way of tasting—no spoons needed."

The zero-waste event required participants to bring their own napkins, while décor from upcycled fabric scraps by Mitu Foundation and Samhati added a sustainable, lively touch.

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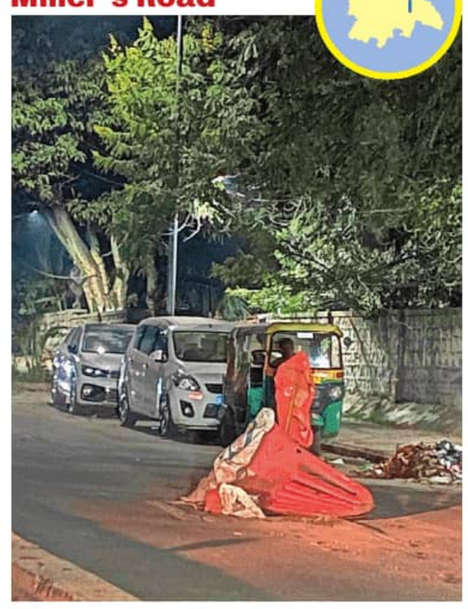

A large pothole outside the Bangalore Cantonment departure gate on Miller's Road has remained unrepaired for over a month.

Blaze threat

Lingarajapuram

Oil Mill Road has become hazardous, with eateries lining both sides and gas cylinders placed along the carriageway, posing risks to motorists and pedestrians alike.

Huge pitfall

RR Nagar

Despite repeated complaints, a deep pothole posing a serious accident risk remains unattended in RR Nagar.

Police, foreign diplomats collaborate for safety

B'luru Police Commissioner meets with ambassadors to reinforce security protocols, improve emergency response mechanisms, and ensure smoother management during diplomatic events

> **Meeting aimed at establishing clear chain of communication to ensure assistance can be provided without delay in case of any emergency or requirement**
>
> –Seemant Kumar Singh, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner

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In a move to enhance diplomatic security and streamline emergency coordination, the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner, Seemant Kumar Singh, convened a high-level consultation meeting with officers from private security agencies and ambassadors representing 12 foreign countries in the city.

The meeting, held at the City Police Commissioner's office, focused on strengthening collaboration between law enforcement and diplomatic bodies to ensure the safety and protection of foreign embassies.

The primary agenda was to enhance coordination between the police and private security personnel deployed at foreign embassies and consulates. Discussions centered on reinforcing security protocols, improving response mechanisms during emergencies, and ensuring smoother traffic management during diplomatic events and gatherings.

A significant directive issued by the Commissioner was for all ambassadors to share their office and residential addresses with the local police. This, he said, would enable faster response and assistance during critical situations.

The Commissioner also emphasised that embassies must intimate the DCP (Intelligence), designated as the nodal officer, and the Command Centre in advance about any diplomatic meetings, delegations, or events, allowing the police to manage security and traffic arrangements effectively.

Speaking to BM, the Commissioner of Police, Seemant Kumar Singh said, "The meeting was essentially to ensure that embassy representatives know their respective police officers, where they are stationed, and how to reach them." He said that it was a coordination meeting to establish a clear chain of communication to ensure assistance can be provided without delay in case of any emergency or requirement. "Some of them have newly arrived staff, some are small, and some are large setups, this exercise helps everyone stay connected," he said.

He added that the DCP Intelligence, as the nodal officer, will help address issues that may arise due to embassies having offices and residences in different jurisdictions. "Sharing these details avoids confusion and ensures that if any immediate help is needed, the nodal officer can facilitate it promptly," the Commissioner said.

Another key point of discussion was the need for embassies to share information on foreign nationals residing within the state, which would help the police provide timely legal and logistical assistance whenever required.

Building trust with the international community

Senior police officials, embassy representatives, and private security officers took part in the meeting and welcomed the measures discussed. They agreed that the steps would help strengthen Bengaluru's diplomatic security and build trust among the international community.

The Commissioner underlined that maintaining a clear line of communication between the police and diplomatic staff is crucial to ensuring the safety and well-being of both diplomats and residents, adding that regular coordination and open communication are essential to handle security challenges.

EV scooter gutted in fire in Basaveshwara Nagar

An electric scooter parked in the basement of a house in Shivanahalli, Basaveshwara Nagar, was gutted in an accidental fire reported on Sunday night.

According to police, the house owner, Mukesh, had parked his electric scooter in the basement for charging when the fire broke out around 11.30 pm. The family noticed smoke filling the house and rushed downstairs, managing to drag the burning scooter out before the Fire and Emergency Services personnel arrived. A bicycle parked next to the scooter was also destroyed in the blaze. Fortunately, no one was injured, and the fire was later brought under control by the fire team. —BMB

Two held for gang-raping woman in Chikkaballapura

The Chikkaballapura police have arrested two men for allegedly gang-raping a woman and robbing her gold earrings after offering her a lift on Saturday night.

Police said the victim had come to Chikkaballapura town in search of a job and was returning home when one of the accused, Sikandar Baba, offered to drop her. Instead, he took her to an isolated spot near Manchenahalli and raped her. He then called his friend Janardhanachari, who arrived and also assaulted her.

The duo allegedly threatened the victim, snatched her gold earrings, and abandoned her near a petrol pump before fleeing the spot.

Passers-by noticed the woman in distress and took her to the Women Police Station, where she lodged a complaint. Based on CCTV footage, the police arrested the accused on Sunday. Further investigation is underway. —BMB

Three held for selling MDMA worth Rs 50,000

The Kodigehalli police have arrested three men for allegedly selling the narcotic drug MDMA near the railway underpass behind the Mall of Asia. During the operation, police seized about 21.26 grams of the drug, valued at Rs 50,000, along with an auto rickshaw used for the sale.

The accused have been identified as Prithviraj (31), Naveen Kumar Reddy (29) and Hari Singh (56). Police said they acted on a tip-off received on October 4, following which a raid was conducted in the area, leading to the arrest of the suspects in the act of selling the drug.

Further investigation is underway. —BMB

Two held for stealing goats

The Vidyaranyapura police have arrested two men in connection with goat theft, recovering livestock valued at Rs 4.25 lakh along with the stolen vehicle used to transport them.

According to police, Subramani S (55), a resident of Ramachandrapura, had kept five goats in a shed on vacant land in Chamundeshwari Layout. On the night of September 29, the animals were stolen. Following his complaint, a case was registered and the police began to investigate.

During the investigation, police identified Mohammed Irfan (19) and Chand (36), as the suspects. The motive was theft of the goats, and they wanted to sell it for money, police clarified. All five goats and the vehicle used in the operation were recovered. —BMB

Accident case takes twist after forensic findings, murder angle under probe

What was initially recorded as a road accident has now taken a shocking turn, with police registering a murder case two months after the death of Arun Raj (32).

According to police, Arun Raj was found lying injured beside his two-wheeler on Begur–Kopp Road around 10.30 pm on August 6. The Hulimavu Traffic Police initially registered the case as an accident after noting that his bike had skidded and fallen. The damaged indicators and footboard of the vehicle and an impact mark on his helmet supported the accident theory.

Arun was taken to a hospital, where he succumbed to injuries during treatment. His body was later sent for a post-mortem examination, which cited skull fracture and intracranial haemorrhage as the cause of death due to head injury. His blood and viscera samples were sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for analysis.

Arun's father later raised doubts over the circumstances of the incident, alleging that his son might have been attacked. Following his statement, the case was transferred from Hulimavu Traffic Police to the Hulimavu Law and Order Police, who registered a fresh FIR under Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (murder).

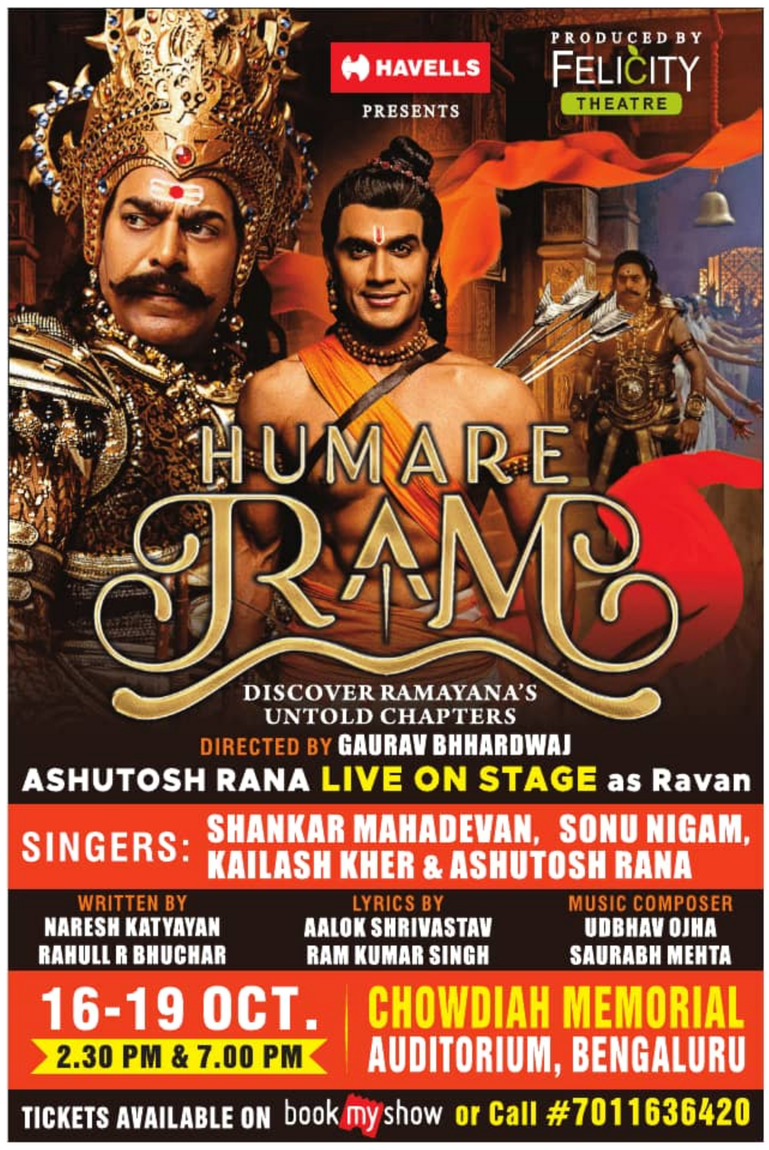
While investigators have not yet found conclusive evidence to establish murder, they said the probe is ongoing. —BMB

Man booked in bus harassment case

The Sanjay Nagar police have arrested a 32-year-old salesman for allegedly sexually harassing a city-based woman doctor while travelling in a KSRTC bus on Thursday evening.

Police said the accused, Firoz Khan (32), a resident of RT Nagar, was taken into custody based on the woman's complaint. According to police, the incident took place around 6 pm when the woman boarded a KSRTC bus from Doddaballapura to Majestic. As the bus neared Esteem Mall, the accused, who was seated next to her, allegedly misbehaved and touched her inappropriately.

The woman alerted the driver and called her brother, who in turn contacted the police helpline (112). A patrol team rushed to the spot and detained the accused. He was booked for assault and later released on station bail after questioning. —BMB



Greywater recycling to become mandatory for new buildings, houses

Initiative to separate greywater from toilet waste, treat it for secondary use, and ensure households prevent solid contamination, promoting long-term water conservation

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In a major move aimed at conserving water and reducing dependence on the Cauvery, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has decided to make greywater recycling mandatory for all newly constructed buildings and detached houses in the city. The board is preparing a detailed policy framework and plans to submit it to the government for approval by the end of this year.

At present, the rule mandating wastewater treatment and reuse applies only to apartment complexes with over 120 flats. However, with Bengaluru's population rising rapidly due to urbanisation, and climate change triggering frequent water shortages, officials believe that expanding the rule to individual homes is now essential. Experts have also backed this move, noting that greywater reuse will help reduce the city's growing dependence on freshwater sources and ease pressure on the existing drainage system.

Currently, BWSSB spends thousands of crores to pump 2,225 million litres of Cauvery water daily from nearly 100 km away. However, about 40% of this treated water is used for non-essential purposes and ultimately wasted, often ending up in underground drains and creating excess load on the sewer network. Officials said that recycling greywater — the used water from kitchens, bathrooms, washing machines, and sinks — will significantly cut down on this wastage, reduce pressure on underground drainage pipes, and lower the city's Cauvery water dependency by 40–50%. It will also help recharge groundwater levels.

Separate pipelines channel greywater for sustainable purposes

Authorities will enforce greywater treatment for kitchens, bathrooms, and laundry in new residential projects, helping recharge groundwater and reduce dependence on distant river supplies

A senior BWSSB official said the new rule will initially apply only to upcoming constructions, as enforcing it in existing homes would be challenging. "We plan to introduce this measure in a phased manner, starting with new buildings and detached houses. A detailed set of guidelines will be framed and submitted to the government for approval soon," the official said.

How greywater recycling works

Greywater refers to the wastewater generated from kitchens, bathrooms, dishwashing, and laundry — excluding toilet waste. Currently, most of this water flows directly into the city's drainage system. The new policy will require builders to install separate pipelines for greywater and blackwater (toilet waste). Greywater will be collected in a separate storage tank, treated, and reused for purposes such as gardening, toilet flushing, and cleaning.

To ensure efficiency, households must prevent soap wrappers, plastic, and solid waste from entering the system. Separate soak pits or filters will be built to purify the greywater, and regular cleaning will be mandated at least once a year to maintain groundwater quality and hygiene. According to Dr Ram Prasath Manohar, "The decision to make greywater recycling mandatory for new buildings and detached homes is a forward-looking step to secure Bengaluru's water future. Once the policy framework is finalised, it will be sent to the state government for approval." If implemented effectively, the initiative could mark a major milestone in Bengaluru's journey towards sustainable urban water management.

Mysuru Dasara shines, consuming 2.57L units of power

The dazzling Dasara illumination that lit up Mysuru for 21 days came to a close on Sunday, marking the grand finale of the city's most awaited annual spectacle. According to official data, the elaborate lighting display consumed 2,57,520 units of electricity during the festive period. The illumination, inaugurated on September 22, transformed Mysuru into a glowing wonderland, drawing huge crowds of residents and tourists alike. This year's lighting covered 136 kilometres of city roads and 118 traffic circles, featuring 80 LED-based installations and replicas inspired by figures such as Sir M Visvesvaraya, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, and the Mysore royal family, along with models of the Mysore Palace and Vidhana Soudha. Themed attractions, including peacocks and the Indian Constitution preamble, further enhanced the visual spectacle. **–BMB**

Gold production hits worrying low

Karnataka — long regarded as India's leading state in gold production — is witnessing a worrying slump, with the state-owned Hatti Gold Mines reporting a sharp decline in output at the very start of the fiscal year. From April to the end of September, only 586.28 kg of gold has been produced, far short of expectations. Against a target of 3.86 lakh tonnes of ore extraction, just 2.67 lakh tonnes have been mined so far. With the annual production goal of 1,750 kg looking increasingly difficult to achieve, officials point to a lack of coordination and internal factionalism among mine authorities as key reasons behind the fall. The drop has sparked concern over its potential impact on the company's finances and the livelihoods of mine workers, as rising costs for labour, machinery, and raw materials continue to strain operations.

Karnataka was once among the few Indian states producing significant quantities of gold, thanks to the legendary Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) and Hatti mines. However, following the closure of KGF in 2001 due to falling yields and high operational costs, the state gradually lost its dominant position in India's gold-mining sector. **–BMB**

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Discover Maradihalli pillow lava, Earth's timeless geological wonder

Rare geological formations in Maradihalli offer scientists and travellers a glimpse into the planet's 2.5-billion-year-old history

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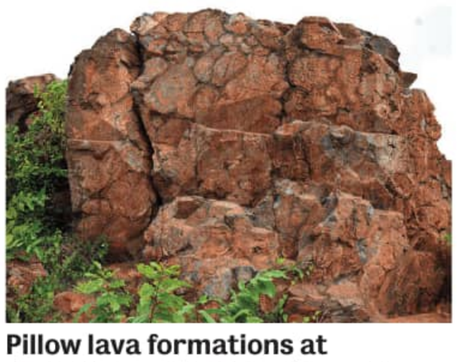
At first glance, Maradihalli in Aimangala appears like any other quiet village in Karnataka. But look closer, and you'll discover a natural marvel that predates humanity itself. Nestled in the rocky hills are "pillow lava" formations — rare, rounded rocks formed from underwater volcanic eruptions nearly 2.5 billion years ago. The site, spread across 2.5 acres, was declared a National Geological Heritage Site by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in 1974, one of the few of its kind in Asia.

When lava met the sea

Scientists believe this region was once part of the ocean floor. During a massive volcanic eruption millions of years ago, lava erupted beneath the sea, cooled instantly on contact with water, and formed these bubble-like, pillow-shaped rocks. These "pillows" range in size from 20 centimetres to over 2 metres, resembling balloons, bags, and even clusters of cells. Their unique textures and cooling edges reveal Earth's violent geological past — a time when the planet's crust was still forming. "The chilled rims, radial cracks, and flow patterns on these rocks are clear evidence of submarine volcanic activity," notes a GSI report. "This is one of the finest-preserved memories of the Archaean era."



Pillow lava formations at Maradihalli, formed by ancient underwater eruptions

For geologists and students, Maradihalli is nothing short of a living laboratory. It provides a rare opportunity to study the early formation of Earth's crust and the evolution of volcanic activity. The Forest Department has also helped preserve the region by planting a diverse range of trees, creating a green, serene landscape ideal for eco-tourism and education.

Villagers say the Rangaswamy Temple, located nearby, was constructed centuries ago using the very pillow lava stones found in the area. Every year, locals gather for a community meal and festival, continuing an ancient tradition that celebrates the land's unique history.

Despite its scientific significance, the route to Maradihalli's lava formations remains rocky and unpaved, making travel difficult. "There's no proper road or signage, and visitors often litter the site," laments RP Venkatesh Reddy, a local resident. "The government should develop proper roads, provide lighting, and promote the Rangaswamy Temple to encourage responsible tourism." Locals urge authorities and the Gram Panchayat to improve connectivity and maintain cleanliness, ensuring this ancient natural museum remains protected for future generations.

A perfect day trip from Bengaluru

Located around 150 km from Bengaluru and just 30 km from Tumakuru, Maradihalli makes for an unforgettable geological getaway. For travellers with a sense of curiosity, this hidden site offers something beyond the ordinary — a glimpse into Earth's fiery past, frozen in stone for billions of years. So next time you plan a weekend drive, skip the crowded hills and waterfalls, and instead take a journey back in time to witness one of Karnataka's oldest living stories, carved in lava.

Service road to the rescue

New stretch after Hebbal flyover towards Yelahanka aimed at helping traffic merge smoothly with Tumakuru Road

A service road bein gconstructed after Hebbal flyover

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In a move at decongesting one of Bengaluru's busiest traffic choke points, a new service road has been constructed after the Hebbal flyover towards Yelahanka, adjacent to Hebbal Lake to merge with Tumakuru Road. The stretch is expected to provide much-needed relief to daily commuters struggling with the ongoing traffic jams in the area, says traffic cop.

A new flyover loop was opened in August, connecting Nagawara, KR Puram, and Mehkri Circle. While it has provided some relief, the opening of the ORR flyover loop near Hebbal has not fully resolved the issue, it has merely shifted the congestion a little further down the road. Traffic police have expressed optimism about the project's impact. "With the new service road, we expect smoother traffic management and reduced congestion at peak hours," a senior traffic police officer said.

> **With the new service road, we expect smoother traffic management and reduced congestion at peak hours** –Traffic police official

The Hebbal junction has long been a critical bottleneck for vehicles heading towards Kempegowda International Airport, Yelahanka, and other northern parts of the city. During peak hours, traffic often comes to a standstill due to the convergence of vehicles from multiple directions. According to data from Tomtom, the average congestion level in 2024 near Hebbal was 28%. A traffic official remarked, "It's difficult to describe traffic congestion here, because the roads are packed with vehicles almost every single day." Recognising this,the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) initiated the construction of a dedicated service road parallel to the main carriageway.

"Vehicles coming from the Tumakuru side on NH-48 are facing congestion near the airport junction, as traffic from the service road is continuously merging with it. Vehicles coming from the city side can proceed directly. Those coming from Tumakuru can exit near the bus stand, which is currently under construction. We are providing separate entry and exit points so city-bound vehicles that do not wish to use the flyover can use the designated exit point, while commuters from Tumakuru can access the service road, take the exit, and merge onto the main carriageway towards the airport flyover," said JayaKumar, Project Director, NHAI.

The project, which commenced four months ago, is now nearing completion. "We aim to finish it by the end of this month and hand it over to the traffic police," JayaKumar said. The initiative includes upgraded facilities such as restrooms, proper lighting, and other features designed to enhance road safety.

Other such projects are also in progress, including a 1-km stretch near Jakkur Service Road. "The NHAI has approved plans for an underpass at Sadahalli Gate on Ballari Road to ease airport-bound traffic and tackle a major congestion point," explains JayaKumar.

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Conservation beyond hashtags & wildlife weeks

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Each year, during Wildlife Week or on World Environment Day, cities come alive with cyclothons, walkathons, tree-planting drives, and social media pledges. Officials flag off rallies, influencers post photos hugging trees, and banners shout slogans about saving forests. But once the banners come down and the stories vanish, so does most of the public attention — and with it, any real momentum for change.

Meanwhile, social media erupts with hashtags and petitions tagging ministries and forest departments. It creates the illusion of a mass movement. Yet when it comes to forests, wildlife, and environmental justice, the gap between online noise and on-ground realities remains vast — and widening.

Anatomy of inaction

Most online campaigns rarely translate into tangible conservation outcomes. Outrage over a clearance, a viral video of displaced wildlife, or a trending petition seldom moves the levers of governance. Authorities — and even the judiciary — often act only when backed by legal arguments, sustained media pressure, or organised grassroots resistance.

This is not simply apathy. Forest oversight operates within a dense web of bureaucracy, politics, and money. Clearances are often rubber-stamped through manipulated assessments, and many projects are contractor-driven, tied to political and financial interests. Tagging a minister on social media might feel empowering, but it barely scratches the surface of these entrenched systems.

Governments have also learned to "wait out" digital storms. Public memory online is short. Campaigns may trend for days, but attention fades. Meanwhile, files move, tenders are issued, and projects advance. By the time the internet moves on, the forests are already gone.

Illusion of digital conservation

The rise of self-styled "digital conservationists" has deepened the problem. Armed with viral videos and half-digested facts, many believe tagging bureaucrats is activism. With little field exposure or policy understanding, their narratives may trend — but they obscure the real complexity of conservation.

Sometimes, they even cause harm. Forest-dwelling communities — often the first defenders of ecosystems — are branded as encroachers, while those responsible for large-scale destruction escape scrutiny. Genuine NGOs and grassroots groups, who work quietly and persistently, often find their efforts undermined by shallow online noise that diverts public attention.

Conservation is not a hashtag war. It is long, unglamorous work: filing RTIs, monitoring violations, building cases, and earning the trust of local communities. It requires persistence, expertise, and patience — none of which trend online. Often, it also comes with real risks: fabricated cases, intimidation, and sustained harassment from vested interests.

Tokenism on the ground

Even physical awareness events mirror this superficiality. Cyclothons, walkathons, and plantation drives are reduced to photo-ops. Trees are planted with no aftercare, bicycle rallies end with plastic litter, and slogans vanish until the next awareness week.

Awareness without accountability is hollow. Planting a sapling without ensuring its survival is not conservation — it is decoration. This culture of tokenism fosters a dangerous illusion: that something is being done, when in fact, very little changes.

Place of digital tools

To be clear, digital platforms are not useless. They can spotlight issues, mobilise youth, attract media coverage, and sometimes catalyze political interest. But such moments are rare, and they only succeed when tied to broader strategies.

Digital visibility is not the same as political leverage. A viral post cannot undo a government notification. A trending hashtag cannot outmaneuver entrenched lobbies. A one-day rally will not protect a wildlife corridor.

Without sustained, grounded work — litigation, grassroots organising, policy engagement, and institutional accountability — online campaigns remain commentary, not action.

If we are serious about protecting forests and wildlife, we must stop mistaking performance for progress. That means supporting environmental law collectives, individuals, funding grassroots NGOs, strengthening institutions, and empowering communities who live closest to these ecosystems.

Conservation must be recognised as continuous, generational work — not a calendar event or a trending topic. We need watchdog journalism to expose violations, scientific research to strengthen arguments, and legal frameworks that hold governments accountable.

Forests are not dying for lack of awareness. They are dying because those with the power to destroy them know that public outrage is brief, superficial, and easily ignored. The only way to change that is to show up — beyond Wildlife Week, beyond hashtags, and beyond the illusion that online activism alone can save what's left of the wild.

In the digital age, outrage is easy. Conservation is not. And unless we recognise the difference, the forests will keep falling — quietly, while we scroll past.

(The author is a wildlife conservationist)

CRIME FILES

Woman dies by suicide after fight over mobile recharge

A 28-year-old woman allegedly died by suicide after jumping from the terrace of her house after a fight over recharging her mobile in Gerupalya village, Kengeri Hobli, on Sunday around 5.30 pm.

The deceased has been identified as Shikha Devi (28), a resident of Maruthi Nilaya on Dodda Aladamara Road. According to the complaint filed by her father, Anil, a resident of Uttar Pradesh, his daughter had been living in a rented house in Bengaluru for the past two years along with her husband, Sandeep Kumar, who works with a private company, and their two-and-a-half-year-old son.

According to the complaint, on October 12 at around 5.15 pm, Sandeep and Shikha had an argument over the issue of recharging her mobile number. Shortly after, Shikha reportedly threw her phone in anger, ran upstairs, and jumped off the third-floor terrace. She was rushed to Rajarajeshwari Hospital by her husband and relatives but was declared dead on arrival.

The complainant has expressed no suspicion of foul play but has requested a postmortem to ascertain the exact cause of death. The Kumbalgodu police have registered a case and are investigating. **BMB**

Class 12 student dies after falling from school building

A 17-year-old Class 12 Science student of Clarence High School, identified as Aaryan Moses Vyas, died after allegedly falling from the second floor of the Carey Block on Monday morning. According to police, the incident occurred between 10 and 10.15 am during the school assembly. Staff members immediately rushed Aaryan to Santosh Hospital, and later he was shifted to Manipal Hospital for advanced treatment. However, despite the best efforts of the medical teams, he could not be revived.

The Pulikeshi Nagar Police have taken up a case and launched an investigation into the incident. Police officials stated that no death note was found, and the exact cause of the fall is yet to be determined. His body was shifted for post-mortem at Browing hospital. **BMB**

65-year-old accused in POCSO case dies by suicide

A 65-year-old man, who was accused of sexually assaulting a nine-year-old girl, died during treatment after he had consumed toilet cleaner on October 12. He was declared dead early Monday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Ambrish (65), a labourer from Bagalkot. According to senior police officials, Ambrish allegedly sexually assaulted a child in his neighbourhood eight days ago following which a case was registered against him in Kengeri on Sunday. Distressed over the allegations and impending legal action, he reportedly tried to kill himself on Sunday around 3 pm at his residence.

He was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital by his relative in critical condition, where he was under treatment. He succumbed to the poisoning and was declared dead around 2:30 am Monday. Police have taken up a case of unnatural death and are continuing the investigation. **BMB**

(If you or somebody you know is struggling with suicidal thoughts, reach out to Arogya Sahayavani at 104)

₹5 crore for future development, no thought for present

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at Freedom Park more than a week ago and apparently needs one more week to complete the renovation work.

This being the case, neither the authorities nor the contractor bothered to make alternative arrangements such as mobile toilets for the benefit of protestors. On an average, more than 100 people stage protests at Freedom Park.

"We are not against the development of Freedom Park. The contractor demolished the existing restrooms a week ago. He is yet to complete the renovation or development of restrooms. The authorities have not made alternative arrangements such as creating awareness on the ongoing developmental works or installing mobile toilets for the benefit of people who visit Freedom Park," said Save Freedom Park Agitation Committee president Gandasi Sadandaswamy.

Expressing concern over the lack of restrooms, Gurudutt S, a visitor, said the restrooms were in a poor condition and needed renovation. "I welcome the BCCC authorities for taking up renovation of the restrooms but they should have made alternative arrangements for the benefit of people who visit," said Gurudutt.

Purushotham P, a visitor, pointed out that there was no drinking water facility either at Freedom Park. "The water quality is very poor. The steel water tank installed at Freedom Park needs to be cleaned. Steel tumblers are rusted. What is the use of spending tax-payers' money on the so-called developmental works if the visitors have to struggle a lot for basic amenities?" Purushotham asks.

It is said Freedom Park has had no electricity for more than a week due to the broken electrical cable. "An earth moving machine damaged the electrical cable while digging a pathway for laying sanitary pipes.

The authorities have not taken measures to restore electricity. It has become tough to be here at night," said one of the security guards on the condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, Hanumanth Naik, Senior Assistant Director (Horticulture), Bengaluru Central City Corporation, said that he assumed office a week ago and as of now is busy with the ongoing caste survey. "I am not aware of ongoing developmental works. I will make alternative arrangements for the benefit of people visiting Freedom Park. As of now, the visitors can utilise the restrooms situated at Hospital Block," he said. BCCC Commissioner Rajendran Cholan was not available for comment.

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I, SHUBHAM alias SHUBHAM JAYESHKUMAR SHAH, S/o Jayeshkumar Gunvantrai Shah, R/o Flat No.612, 6th Floor, Wing-3, Block-A, GK Tropical Springs, Channasandra, Bengaluru - 560067 have changed my name as SHUBHAM JAYESHBHAI SHAH, vide affidavit dated 06.10.2025, sworn before notary Nijagunaradhya T. C, Bengaluru.

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SOUTH INDIA 7/10* DAYS EX: MANGALORE OCT : 22*, 26

Sunshine loss: City in bottom 5 among 20 stations across country

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below the Deccan plateau cities and central Indian counterparts that benefit from clearer pre-monsoon skies.

The study reveals that Bengaluru, representing the central inland region, is witnessing a steady annual decline of –4.71 hours per year in sunshine duration. Over three decades, this translates to a loss of more than 140 hours of annual sunlight — equivalent to almost six full days of daylight per year disappearing from the city's sky.

Seasonally, Bengaluru receives its maximum sunshine during the pre-monsoon months (March–May), averaging 652 ± 35 hours, while the post-monsoon months (October–November) record only 307 ± 29 hours. Compared to Hyderabad's 608 hours and Nagpur's 567 hours in the monsoon, Bengaluru's figure of 424 ± 48 hours again highlights its relatively subdued brightness. These numbers underline a growing pattern familiar to Bengalureans — longer stretches of hazy mornings, delayed sunrise visibility, and softer evening light across much of the year.

India-wide picture

Across the 20 Indian stations studied, the research identified a nationwide "dimming" trend, showing declining sunshine hours across almost all regions from 1988 to 2018. The northern inland region showed the sharpest annual decline (–13.15 h/year) — especially in Amritsar and New Delhi — followed by the Himalayan belt (–9.47 h/year) and the west coast, particularly Mumbai (–8.62 h/year). Even the Deccan plateau and east coast, which traditionally enjoy clearer skies, showed smaller but consistent negative trends.

While Bengaluru's rate of decline (–4.71 h/year) is moderate compared to the north and west, its already lower base sunshine hours make the reduction more pronounced in lived experience. The only exception to this national dimming was Dibrugarh in the northeast, which showed a mild positive trend in monsoon and post-monsoon periods.

What's blocking the sun?

The researchers attribute this fall in sunshine hours to a mix of meteorological shifts and human-induced atmospheric changes. The Twomey effect — where airborne particles increase cloud formation and reflect solar radiation — is a major factor.

For Bengaluru, this means that rising aerosol concentration from vehicular pollution, construction dust, and industrial emissions, coupled with the city's plateau topography and monsoon wind patterns, is trapping moisture and fine particles in the lower atmosphere. The result: more cloudy days, fewer clear mornings, and reduced direct sunlight reaching the surface.

Beyond aesthetics, the loss of sunshine has real implications. Declining sunshine hours can affect solar energy generation, agriculture, and public health, especially Vitamin D levels. Bengaluru's push toward renewable energy and sustainable growth will depend heavily on understanding these changing light patterns, said experts.

For now, as Bengalureans sip their morning filter coffee under grey skies, one thing is certain: the city's sunshine is no longer guaranteed.

Raju Talikote passes away

Noted theatre artist and comedian Raju Talikote died of a heart attack at a private hospital in Manipal, Udupi district, on Monday, sources close to his family said

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Fantasy world

The first song of the bilingual movie Gatha Vaibhava was unveiled through the YouTube channel, Lahari Music, recently. The movie, directed by Simple Suni, is scheduled for release on November 14. Dhushyanth and Ashika Ranganath are the lead pair in this movie that is billed as a fantasy drama. "The movie has all elements including mythology, fantasy, romance, and history. We went abroad to shoot a portion of the movie and also the coastal area near Mangaluru. The movie has mythological elements including the churning of the ocean," said Simple Suni.

The director said Gatha Vaibhava is quite different from his previous movies. "The movie's teaser received good response from moviegoers. The song - Varnamala - is also gaining popularity among music lovers," the director said.

Varnamale is sung by Abhinandan Mahishale and Sunidhi Ganesh. Judah Sandy has scored its music. Simple Suni has also penned the lyrics, dialogues, script, and screenplay.

The movie is bankrolled by Deepak Thimmaiah and Simple Suni under Sarvegara Silver Screens and Suni Cinemas banners.

Majestic surprise

ZEE5 in collaboration with PRK Productions has announced the premiere date of the 'Maarigallu' through a teaser narrated by actor Dhananjaya. What truly left fans spellbound was the breathtaking moment when the late Puneeth Rajkumar appeared in a majestic avatar as Mayura Sharma, the founder of the Kadamba dynasty and Karnataka's first king.

Set against the backdrop of Sirsi in 1990's the story unravels when an ancient clue to a lost Kadamba-era treasure surface. What begins as a pursuit of hope soon becomes a haunting journey where greed, faith, and fear collide, leaving an unsettling question of whether it was fate or something divine that sealed their end. The series is all set to premiere on 31st October on Zee5.

The series features a stellar ensemble cast, with Rangayana Raghu, Gopal Krishna Deshpande, and Praveen Tej making their web series debuts. The series is produced by Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, written and directed by Devraj Poojary.

Women take centrestage

Top actresses rewriting rules of storytelling and stardom

Alia Bhatt

Alia Bhatt has consistently chosen roles that highlight female strength and complexity. From the determined spy in 'Raazi' to the resilient underworld figure in 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', she balances commercial appeal with meaningful storytelling. Her performances reflect a growing trend in Bollywood to explore women's agency, emotions, and resilience, making her one of the most versatile and influential actresses of her generation.

Rani Mukerji

Rani Mukerji has long been associated with emotionally rich and challenging roles. Films like 'Black' and 'Mardaani' allowed her to explore themes of struggle, empowerment, and justice, broadening the scope of female characters in mainstream cinema. Her ability to portray depth and vulnerability while maintaining strength has set a benchmark for actresses seeking to move beyond conventional romantic roles.

Deepika Padukone

Deepika Padukone carved a niche as a leading actress through content-driven films that prioritized character depth over spectacle. In 'Piku', she played a relatable, modern woman navigating family dynamics, while 'Chhapaak' saw her portray an acid attack survivor with sensitivity and resilience. Her career choices reflect a conscious effort to champion meaningful storytelling while maintaining mass appeal.

Kangana Ranaut

Kangana Ranaut redefined the modern Bollywood heroine with powerful performances that emphasized independence and self-growth. In 'Queen', she portrayed a young woman discovering her identity after a personal setback, while in 'Tanu Weds Manu', her quirky, strong-willed persona captured hearts. Kangana's consistent focus on stories of female empowerment has established her as a trailblazer for women in mainstream Hindi cinema.

Taapsee Pannu

Taapsee Pannu has emerged as a voice for women's agency in contemporary cinema. Her performance in 'Thappad' tackled domestic abuse head-on, highlighting societal norms and the importance of self-respect. By consistently choosing roles that confront social issues, Taapsee has positioned herself as a modern actress who uses mainstream platforms to spark conversations about women's rights and empowerment.

—ETimes

To mom and dad

Hollywood star Reese Witherspoon shared that her new novel is a "love letter" to her parents because it was inspired by their careers as army medics.

The Hollywood actress has branched out into writing by penning a new thriller called Gone Before Goodbye with author Harlan Coben which follows an army surgeon who "falls into ...a crazy world of private wealth and private surgery."

Speaking during her Shine Away summit in Los Angeles, Witherspoon said: "I always think about Jason Bourne or James Bond, and the girls in those books or those movies are always using their sexuality to get ahead.

"And I thought, what if we could do a book in a thriller world where this woman, it's not about her sexuality or being hot, it's literally about this very unique skill she has?" "She's a reconstructive surgeon, she's been in the military for a long time. She's worked with Doctors Without Borders and she falls into kind of a crazy world of private wealth and private surgery." Witherspoon added her inspiration came from her parents, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She added: "The first five years of my life I lived on a military base in Germany and everybody who filtered in and out of our house was another doctor, and all they would talk about was medical jargon. "So I was really, really little, sitting at the dinner table listening to my dad and his friends and my mom and her friends talk about really gnarly surgeries."

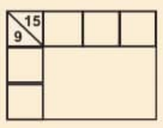
"For years and years, I wanted to be a surgeon ... (After watching mom work as a nurse for years) I thought, why am I the famous one? This woman literally saved people's lives This is really a love letter to my mom and dad."

Witherspoon wrote the book with Coben.

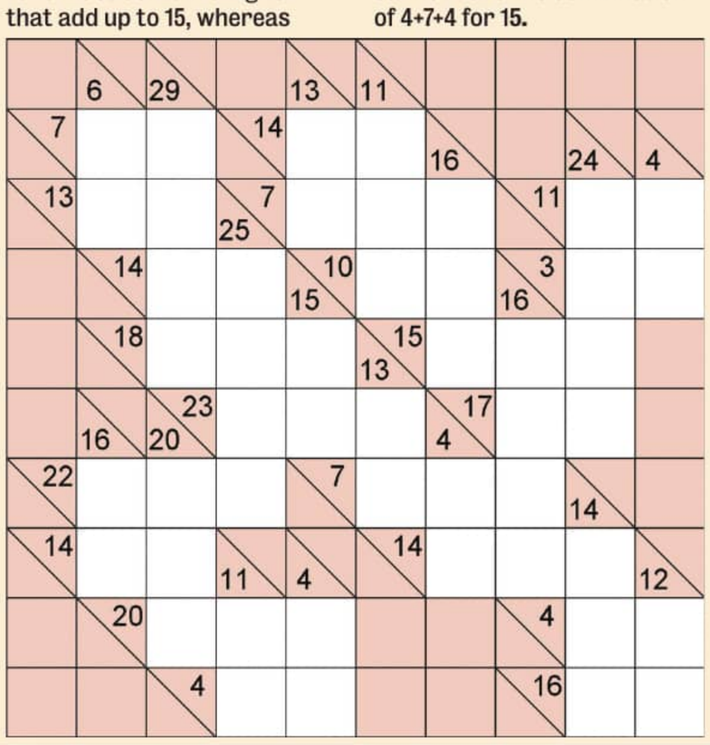
—IANS

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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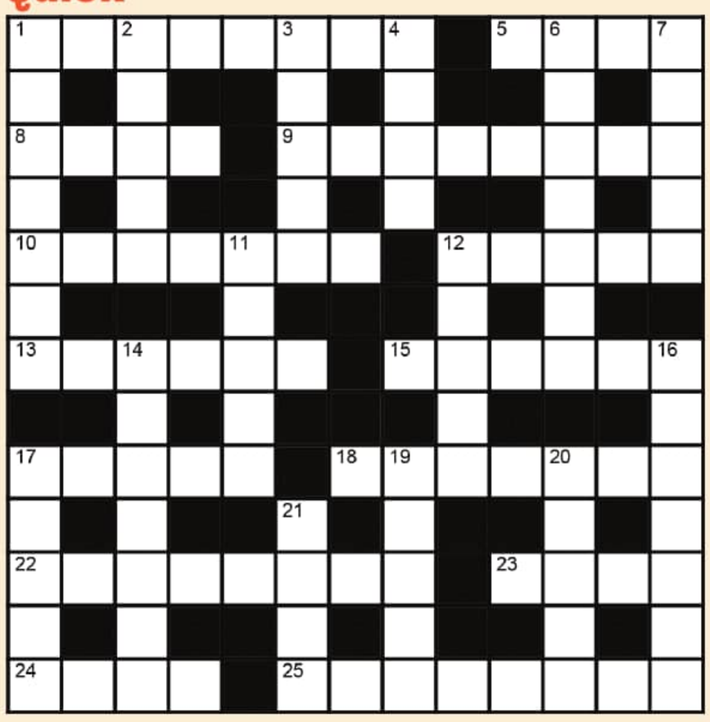


ACROSS

1 Army big-wig, colloquially speaking? (5,3)
5 Understanding term? (1,3)
8 Annoys (4)
9 Cricket fielding position (5,3)
10 No ___ : that's the truth? (7)
12 Apparels (5)
13 Former US President Harry ___ (6)
15 Late Mr. Puri of Bollywood (6)
17 Army colour (5)
18 Upper caste Hindu (7)
22 Governor of Karnataka from 2009 to 2014 (8)
23 Operated; availed oneself of (4)
24 Onion-like herb (4)
25 Hatching a plot (8)

DOWN

1 Breast of a four-legged animal (7)
2 Inquired of (5)
3 ___ __ the head : be very accurate in one's aim? (3,2)
4 Slender (4)
6 Japanese warrior (7)
7 Sea-eagles (5)
11 A Persian (5)
12 Third letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
14 Ignorant (7)
16 Downcast (7)
17 Afghanistan's capital city (5)
19 Local prince or monarch (5)
20 Seven time Ballon d'Or winner (5)
21 Female sheep (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: L EQUALS R

EQL KQ JLL WB QNWBWQB, KFQSTF WK UJ BQK KFJ NYLK QE XWDJ VJB, WD YK PJYDK FSVYB.

Linemaro

Can I call your parents and tell them you are staying with me?

Mindchow

Every man's work, whether it be literature, or music or pictures or architecture or anything else, is always a portrait of himself

Joke of the day

His speeches left the impression of an army of pompous phrases moving over the landscape in search of an idea

Loop

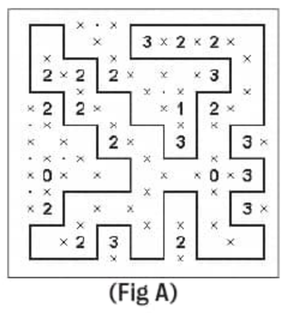
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

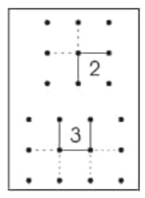
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

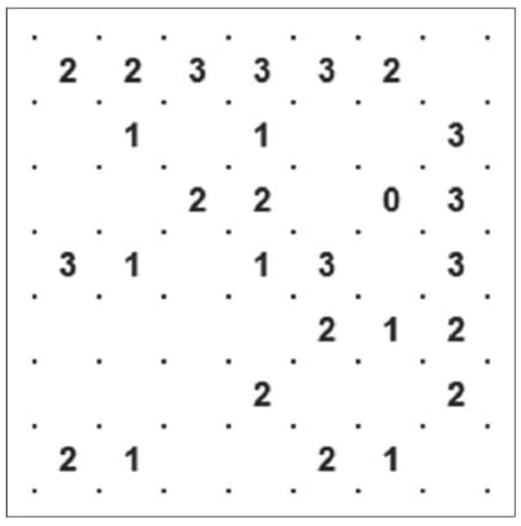
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



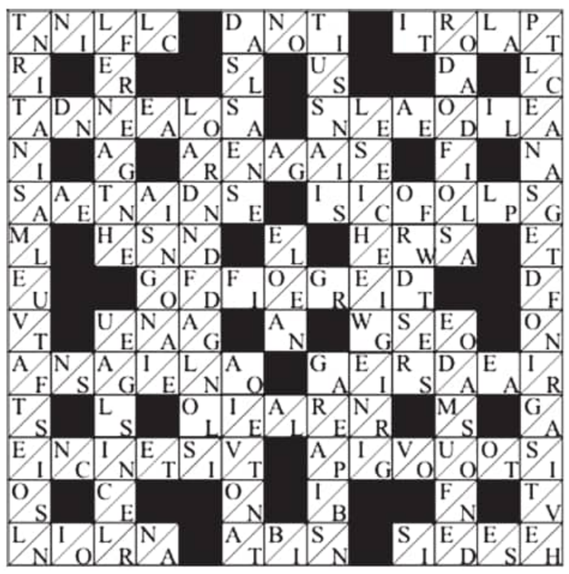
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6		M		
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Solar; 6 Namer; 7 A egad; 8 Lansa; 9 Ill Gr

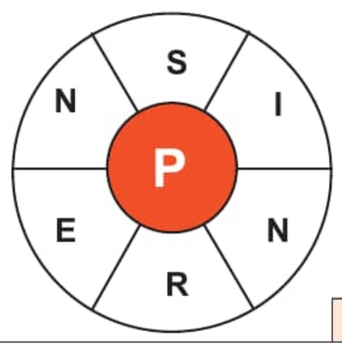
DOWN

1 Organ; 2 Arr Da; 3 Masai; 4 eg all; 5 Sell N

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8	3		4					
2				7			3	5
9		6	5			4		2
		4	8	3				
				4	2	7		
1		7			5	9		4
6	5			9				1
					8		5	6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 20

2 4 7 7

Medium = 9

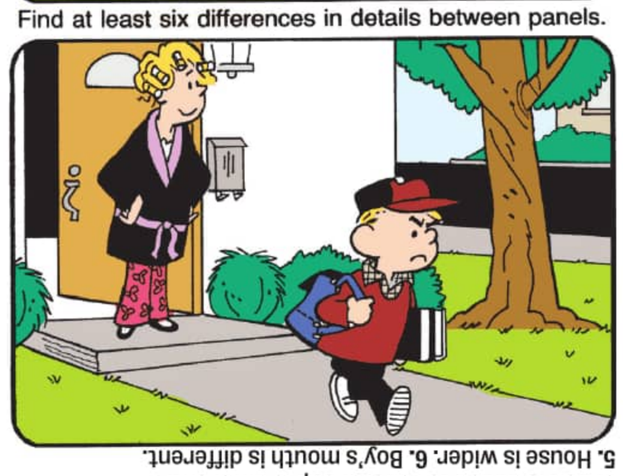
3 4 4 9

Hard = 23

4 6 7 9

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



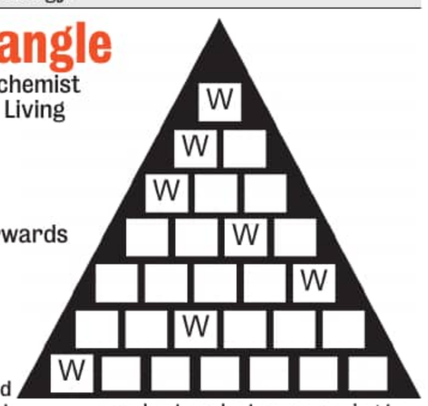
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Book is added. 3. Belt is added to robe. 4. Cap is different. 5. House is wider. 6. Boy's mouth is different.

Riddler

Discovered in Africa, I spread like a tide To become a hot staple known the world wide. A necessity to some, a treasure to many, I'm best enjoyed among pleasant company. Some like me hot and some like me cold. Some prefer mild, others only bold. Some take me straight, while some like to savor My essence to which has been added a flavor. So put down your cares and sit awhile with me; I'll send you back refreshed and full of energy.

Alpha triangle

1 Tungsten for the chemist
2 Ayn Rand's _ The Living
3 Cyst
4 Tidings
5 Muscle
6 Using a needle
7 Some football forwards



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

IS YOU SWABS INSULKIN' US?
NO! NO! WE ONLY SEEK KNOWLEDGE!
WE WANT TO ASK QUESTIONS!
ARE YOU A SUBSPECIES OR A GENETIC EXPERIMENT THAT FAILED?
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BUD HAKENDORF
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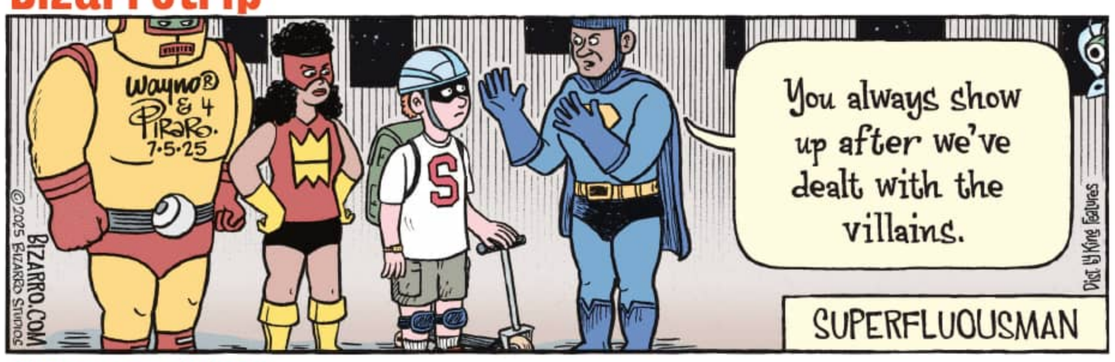
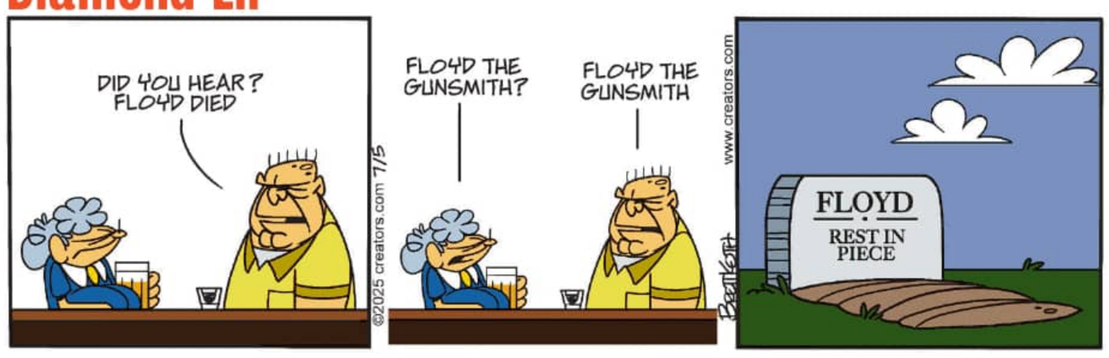


Diamond Lil



Hart of the city

FUN CLASS TODAY. WE SHOULD BE CHEMISTRY PARTNERS NEXT TIME TOO.
BE STILL, MY BEATING HEART!!
YEAH, SURE.
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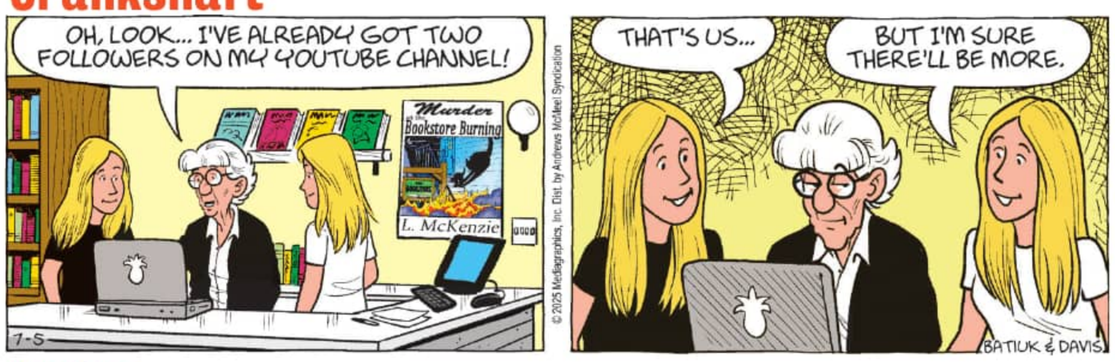
Crankshaft


OH, LOOK... I'VE ALREADY GOT TWO FOLLOWERS ON MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL!
Murder at the Bookstore Burning
L. McKenzie
THAT'S US...
BUT I'M SURE THERE'LL BE MORE.
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Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Balance and harmony define the year ahead. You'll focus on aligning work, relationships, and personal goals. Career brings recognitio. Finances improve gradually. Creative outlets inspire confidence and joy. Friendships deepen through loyalty and laughter. Health strengthens through consistent care. By year's end, you'll feel proud of steady progress.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

If you want to exit a situation, ask angels for help. Set intentions honestly, without "shoulds". Kindness dissolves dominance, lifting overbearing energy. Miracles unfold as gentle choices free you.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Accept the gift before you, it's the break you awaited. Unicorn or not, this golden chance leads further. Strike while energy's hot, create boldly, and build genuine relationships over fleeting networks.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Investing in wellbeing brings freedom. Go all in yet remember to pause. Rest sustains success. This week promises abundance; trust your eorts will blossom, provided balance remains with breathers.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Practise patience. Overwhelmed days need gentle care. Drink water, eat fruits, nap, and ground yourself. Let your imagination wander, while safeguarding your energy. Write ideas today; revisit them later, refreshed.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Not everything unfolds instantly. Clear your mind with meditation or a nature walk. Trust you're giving your best. When energy surges, you'll rise like a phoenix, claiming success and prosperity.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Memories of nurturing resurface. The past may linger, but the present matters most. Hand your worries to the angels. Your mothership arrives—shine visibly so destiny's starliner finds and uplifts you today with grace.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Imbalances reflect in your health. Return to the present, move your body, and hydrate consciously. Infuse water with light before drinking. This small ritual clears energy, resets chakras, and invites balance.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Step away from checklists. Listen to your body and heightened senses. Pause, nap, or retreat briefly—it's optimisation, not waste. Take honest inventory, reset misaligned aspects, and embrace harmony today.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Listen within. Love yourself as tenderly as you love others. Allow cracks to be filled with compassion. Winter yields to spring; healing self-love renews strength and brightens your path beautifully.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Avoid overindulgence. Manage passionately yet wisely. Take on only what intuition confirms. Establish clear, gentle boundaries—balance prevents burnout. Trust your inner compass to handle responsibilities eortlessly.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Illusions can harm or create. Refuse lesser beliefs. Hold only your highest visions, ask for signs, and align with wellbeing. Divine timing ensures that manifestations flourish.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Questioning choices? Deep down you know your decisions are right. Do everything with love, release fear, and trust the results. Your gut instinct guides you confidently; the haze clears as clarity flows today.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

$2^{*}\sqrt{(4*4)} - \sqrt{36} + 3^{2}$
$2*4 - 6 + 9$
$8 - 6 + 9 = 11$

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BULL'S EYE

pier, pine, ripe, ripen, snip, snipe, sniper, spin, spine, SPINNER, spire

FAST FIVE

O	R	A	L	S
R	A	M	E	N
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G	R	I	L	L

STRIKE OUT

T	I	L	L	■	A	N	T	■	T	R	A	P	■	■
R	■	E	■	S	■	U	■	A	■	A	■	L	■	■
A	N	N	A	L	S	■	N	E	E	D	L	E	■	■
N	■	G	■	A	E	G	I	S	■	I	■	A	■	■
S	A	T	A	N	S	■	S	C	O	O	P	S	■	■
M	■	S	■	D	■	L	■	H	R	S	■	E	■	■
U	■	O	F	F	E	R	E	D	■	F	■	■	■	■
T	■	U	N	A	■	A	■	W	E	E	■	O	■	■
A	N	G	E	L	A	■	G	I	R	D	E	R	■	■
T	■	L	■	E	A	R	N	■	M	■	G	■	■	■
I	C	I	E	S	T	■	A	G	O	U	T	I	■	■
O	■	E	■	N	■	B	■	■	N	■	V	■	■	■
N	O	R	A	■	A	B	S	■	I	D	E	■	■	■

QUICK

B	R	A	S	S	H	A	T	■	I	S	E	E	■	■
R	■	S	■	I	■	H	■	A	■	L	■	■	■	■
I	R	K	S	■	T	H	I	R	D	M	A	N	■	■
S	■	E	■	O	■	N	■	U	■	E	■	■	■	■
K	I	D	D	I	N	G	■	G	A	R	B	S	■	■
T	R	U	M	A	N	■	A	M	R	I	S	H	■	■
E	■	■	■	R	■	■	■	A	■	■	■	E	■	■
F	■	■	■	E	R	E	D	■	F	E	R	O	■	■
E	D	E	■	I	S	■	E	E	D	■	■	T	■	■
V	■	N	■	B	■	■	S	■	O	■	■	U	■	■
I	T	■	U	O	G	A	■	S	E	D	■	■	■	■
G	■	M	■	N	■	R	A	H	M	I	N	G	■	■
A	■	■	■	■	■	A	■	■	■	■	■	A	■	■
L	E	E	K	■	S	C	H	E	M	I	N	G	■	■

MENSA PUZZLE

7. Start anywhere on the diagram, and move clock-wise, calculating the sum of every third circle. This always equals 15.

QUOTE UNCODE

For to err in opinion, though it be not the part of wise men, is at least human.

SUDOKU

8	3	5	4	2	1	6	9	7
2	4	1	6	7	9	8	3	5
9	7	6	5	8	3	4	1	2
7	1	4	8	3	6	5	2	9
3	6	2	9	5	7	1	4	8
5	8	9	1	4	2	7	6	3
1	2	7	3	6	5	9	8	4
6	5	8	2	9	4	3	7	1
4	9	3	7	1	8	2	5	6

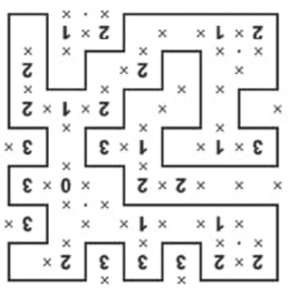
ALPHA TRIANGLE

W, We, Wen, News, Stnew, Sewing, Wingers.

GO FIGURE

Easy
2 + 7 + 7 + 4 = 20
Medium
4 – 4 x 3 + 9 = 9
Hard
6 – 4 x 7 + 9 = 23

LOOP



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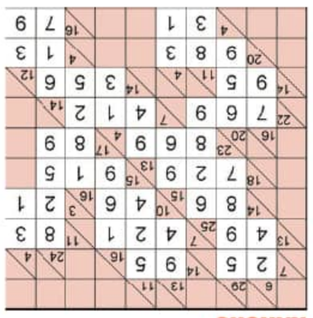

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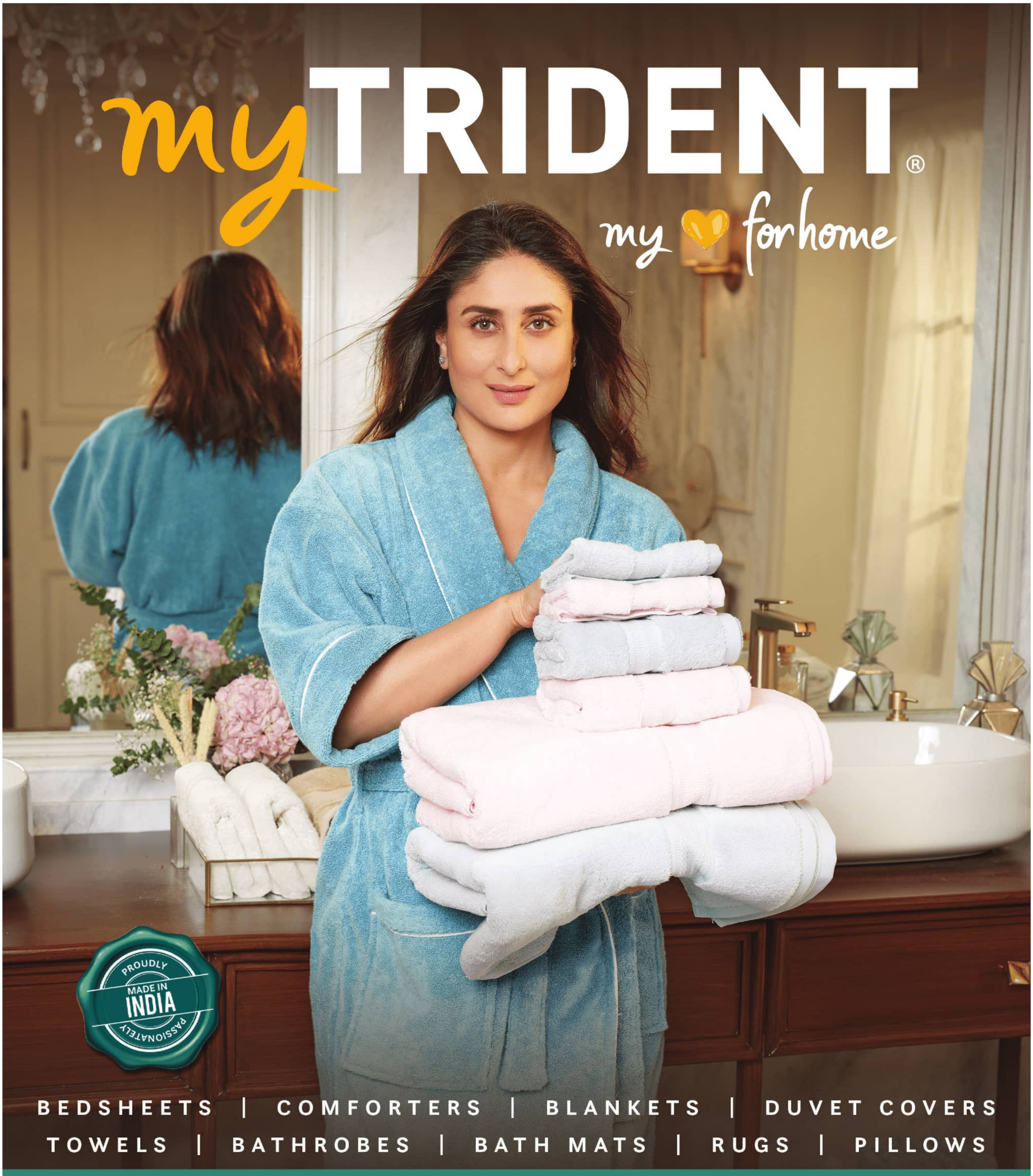
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